

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 6, second full paragraph as follows:

The arrangement of the teeth may best be seen in Fig. 5, which depicts a portion of a single turn of the thread, unwound ~~along a longitudinal thread centerline, CL~~, for example, in the direction indicated by the arrow V shown in Fig. 3, and flattened out. In this top view thereof, the flattened crest of the thread forms a rectangular face 12 whose lateral edges follow the same spiral path followed by the thread 2. The individual teeth 7 are spaced such that the right-hand edge 13 of their face 12 is aligned on the left-hand edge 14 of the face 12 of a neighboring tooth. The sides 15 of the thread may be seen on either side of their faces 12. The sides 15 of the thread diverge from the flattened crest formed by their faces 12, where the included angle between its sides in that vicinity is around 20° to 30° (cf. Fig. 4). The straight slope of the sides 15 of the thread, which is depicted in a broken-out sectioned view in Fig. 4, extends down to a location 16 where the included angle between the sides 15 of the thread increases. The wall of a drilled hole will be arranged at that location 16 when the screw is screwed into it. The included angle between the sides of its thread will thus fall within the range extending from around 20° to around 30° over that portion of its thread that penetrates the wall of the drilled hole. The included angle between the sides 15 of its thread is larger than that only over that portion thereof that remains outside the wall of the drilled hole.